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TO THE HONORABLE SOL M LINOWITZ CHAIRMAN COMMISSION
ON US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS C/O CENTER FOR INTER-
AMERICAN RELATIONS 680 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK NEW YORK

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DEAR SOL:

I DEEPLY REGRET THAT MY CURRENT ACTIVITIES PREVENT ME FROM
ATTENDING YOUR FIRST MEETING, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF
MY APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE VITALLY IMPORTANT
EFFORT THE COMMISSION IS UNDERTAKING.

IN OUR DEMOCRACY, AN EFFECTIVE FOREIGN POLICY REQUIRES THE
UNDERSTANDING, INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC. I AM
THEREFORE GRATIFIED BY THE CENTER'S DECISION TO SPONSOR A
COMMISSION TO REVIEW OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONS OF
LATIN AMERICA. THE WILLINGNESS OF TWENTY-THREE EMINENT
CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK CONSTITUTES A VALUABLE
PUBLIC SERVICE.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA ARE
I BELIEVE AT A DECISIVE JUNCTURE IN OUR HISTORY. A
NEW DIALOGUE HAS BEEN INITIATED, LOOKING TOWARD AN ERA

OF PARTNERSHIP, DIGNITY AND PROGRESS. THE COMMISSION CAN
MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THAT DIALOGUE BY RECOM-
MENDING WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BUILD MORE REALISTIC AND
ENDURING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE. IN THINKING
THROUGH OUR POLICIES, BOTH EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
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BRANCHES CAN BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE IMPRESSIVE RANGE OF

EXPERIENCE, JUDGMENT AND WISDOM REPRESENTED ON THE
COMMISSION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPORT, AND CAN ASSURE YOU THAT
YOUR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE GIVEN MY MOST
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

WITH BEST WISHES, HENRY A. KISSINGER

NOTE FOR CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS: PLEASE HOLD
ABOVE MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR LINOWITZ IN CONNECTION WITH
DINNER ON TUESDAY, MAY 14. RUSH

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